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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 8

1. NYT (PAGE 8) JOHN FINNEY REPORTS ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS CONTINUED TO DISPLAY UNCERTAINTY OVER MISSION OF TWO SOVIET SHIPS MOVING TOWARD ANGOLA. ALSO SUN.
2. NYT (PAGE 8) DAVID SHIPLER SAYS ANGOLA WAR IS TEST FOR AMERICAN-SOVIET DETENTE AND FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT AMERICAN POSITION LOOKS BRITTLE, THE SOVIET FLEXIBLE.
3. NYT (BOOK SECTION) CHRISTOPHER LEHMANN-HAUPT REVIEWS HEDRICK SMITH'S "THE RUSSIANS" AND ROBERT KAISER'S "RUSSIA: THE PEOPLE AND THE POWER" SAYING WHAT WITH U.S. UNSURE OF ITS INTERNATIONAL ROLE IN WAKE VIETNAM AND THE JUDICIOUSNESS OF DETENTE INCREASING BEING DEBATED, ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO HAVE TWO SUCH PRAGMATIC BOOKS RICH IN THE VARIED TEXTURE AND FEEL RUSSIAN LIFE.
4. NYT (OP-ED PAGE) JOHN EMMERSON'S "ITALY, FRANCE, JAPAN -- WHERE WILL IT ALL END" CONCLUDES SO-CALLED

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INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC COMMUNISM OF PARTIES IN THOSE

COUNTRIES MUST INSPIRE HEADACHES IN KREMLIN AND MAY, IF TREND SOLIDIFIES, MAKE IT NECESSARY AGAIN TO REVISE OUR

CONCEPTIONS OF THE "COMMUNIST WORLD."

5. NYT (SPORTS SECTION) ROBIN HERMAN FROM CHICAGO WHERE HE IS FOLLOWING SOVIET HOCKEY TEAMS, SAYS EQUIPMENT-WISE, DRESS-WISE RUSSIANS' DRESSING IMPROVES.

6. WP (PAGE 22) REUTERS FROM MOSCOW SAYS SOVIET INDICATED IN TASS STORY IT WOULD NOT AGREE TO A SALT PACT EQUATING ITS BACKFIRE BOMBER WITH AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILES.

7. STAR (OP-ED PAGE) CROSBY NOYES' "RUSSIA'S ANGOLA DILEMMA" SAYS IF SOVIET LEADERS ARE SERIOUS ABOUT LETTING US (AND THEMSELVES) OFF THE HOOK IN ANGOLA, THE PROSPECTS FOR SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THE COMING YEAR COULD IMPROVE DRAMATICALLY.

8. CSM (PAGE 2) MIMI BRIEF SAYS SOVIET DISSIDENT PLYUSHCH MAY YET BE ABLE TO LEAVE.

9. CSM (PAGE 3) DAVID MUTCH FROM BONN SAYS MOSCOW NOTE TO NATO COUNTRIES ON MANEUVERS WELCOMED BUT SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE MOSCOW MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION IN WEST FROM SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA BY ITS ACTION.

10. CSM (PAGE 5) ELIZABETH POND REPORTS ON IZVESTIA EDITORIAL ON NO SOVIET ANGOLA PULLOUT.

11. CSM (SPORTS PAGE) NICK SEITZ ON SOVIET HOCKEY: PRECISION AND TEAMWORK ARE CAPTIVATING.

12. CSM (PAGE 12) ROBERT EVANS FROM SOVIET ABKHAZIA REPORTS SOVIET POLICE WAGE ANNUAL FRUIT-SMUGGLER WAR AS TANGERINE HARVEST BEGINS. KISSINGER

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